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Annotations

I. Election of the Bureau

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/1, requested the Economic and Social Council to adjust its programme of work to a July-to-July cycle with immediate effect and invited the Council to consider transitional arrangements for the election of its Bureau, taking into account the relevant rules, regulations and practices with regard to the work of the Council, its subsidiary bodies and the United Nations funds and programmes.

The Council, in its decision 2013/265, decided that the term of office for the next President and the four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be from the date of election, to be held on 14 January 2014, until their successors are elected, which is expected to be at the beginning of the new cycle starting in July 2015, on the understanding that they remain representatives of a member of the Council.

According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President to be elected on 14 January 2014 should be the representative of a member of the Western European and other States. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected from the other four regional groups, namely, the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

The election of the Bureau was held on 14 and 30 January 2014.

The membership of the Council is given in annex I to the present report.

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II. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Council's attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, in which the Assembly decided that the Council shall adjust its programme of work to a July-to-July cycle with immediate effect.

The Assembly also decided in its resolution 68/1 that the Council shall continue to have one substantive and one organizational session.

The provisional agenda has been prepared accordingly and is contained in annex II to the present report.

III. Substantive session

The segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be as outlined below:

A. Operational activities for development segment

In accordance with paragraph 11 (a) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold an operational activities for development segment immediately following the first regular sessions of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

The operational activities segment will be held from 24 to 26 February 2014.

B. Integration segment

In accordance with paragraph 11 (e) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold an integration segment annually.

The integration segment will be held from 27 to 29 May 2014.

C. Humanitarian affairs segment

In accordance with paragraph 11 (b) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold a humanitarian affairs segment in June. The Council should also continue to hold a special event to discuss the transition from relief to development, to be convened immediately preceding the humanitarian affairs segment and following the annual session of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

The humanitarian affairs segment and the special event to discuss the transition from relief to development will be held from 23 to 25 June 2014.

D. High-level segment

In accordance with paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold a high-level segment in July. It will continue to discharge the functions of the high-level segment of the Council as provided for in

Assembly resolutions 45/264, 48/162, 50/227 and 61/16, in particular the biennial two-day Development Cooperation Forum. The segment will include the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development provided for in Assembly resolution 67/290.

The high-level segment will be held from 7 to 11 July 2014.

E. High-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council

The high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council will be held from 30 June to 9 July 2014, with evening meetings on 30 June and 1 July 2014. The three-day ministerial meeting of the forum will be held from 7 to 9 July 2014.

F. Coordination and management meetings

In accordance with paragraph 11 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold dedicated coordination and management meetings regularly to perform the functions of the coordination and general segments as provided for in Assembly resolutions 45/264, 48/162, 50/227 and 61/16.

The Council will also schedule elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies during the coordination and management meetings.

The coordination and management meetings will be held from 23 to 25 April, on 12 and 13 June, from 14 to 16 July, and on 17 and 18 November 2014.

G. Special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

In accordance with paragraph 13 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council should continue to strengthen and further promote dialogue on and implementation of the financing for development agenda, inter alia, by strengthening existing arrangements, including the special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held immediately following the annual spring meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee of the Boards of Governors of the Bank and the Fund on the Transfer of Real Resources to Developing Countries held in Washington, D.C.

The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held for a day and a half, on 14 and 15 April 2014.

H. Meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

In accordance with Council resolution 2013/24, the Council should hold, on an annual basis, a special meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including, as appropriate, its contribution to mobilizing domestic financial resources for development and the institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on 5 June 2014.

IV. Organizational session

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council shall continue to have one organizational session.

The organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2014 to July 2015 will be held on 21 and 22 July 2014.

V. Youth and partnership forums

In accordance with paragraph 24 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council should further promote the integration of youth into its deliberations, building on the past positive experiences of the informal youth forums. The Council should also continue with the informal partnership forum.

The two-day partnership forum will be held on 9 and 10 April 2014. The youth forum will be held on 2 and 3 June 2014.

Annex I

Membership of the Economic and Social Council

	Term expires on 31 December
Albania	2015
Antigua and Barbuda	2016
Austria	2014
Bangladesh	2016
Belarus	2014
Benin	2015
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2015
Botswana	2016
Brazil	2014
Burkina Faso	2014
Canada	2015
China	2016
Colombia	2015
Congo	2016
Croatia	2015
Cuba	2014
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2016
Denmark	2016
Dominican Republic	2014
El Salvador	2014
Ethiopia	2014
France	2014
Georgia	2016
Germany	2014
Greece	2014
Guatemala	2016
Haiti	2015

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India	2014
Indonesia	2014
Italy	2015
Japan	2014
Kazakhstan	2016
Kuwait	2015
Kyrgyzstan	2015
Lesotho	2014
Libya	2014
Mauritius	2015
Nepal	2015
New Zealand	2016
Nigeria	2014
Panama	2016
Portugal	2014
Republic of Korea	2016
Russian Federation	2016
San Marino	2015
Serbia	2016
South Africa	2015
Sudan	2015
Sweden	2016
Togo	2016
Tunisia	2015
Turkmenistan	2015
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2016
United States of America	2015

Annex II

Provisional agenda

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   (b) Development Cooperation Forum
   (c) Annual ministerial review
   (d) Thematic discussion
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   (a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council
   (b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme
7. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
8. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council
9. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits
   (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development
   (b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020
10. Coordination, programme and other questions
    (a) Reports of coordination bodies
    (b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
    (c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
    (d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti
    (e) African countries emerging from conflict

(f) Tobacco or health

11. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265 and 61/16

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

13. Regional cooperation

14. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

15. Non-governmental organizations

16. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

(b) Science and technology for development

(c) Statistics

(d) Human settlements

(e) Environment

(f) Population and development

(g) Public administration and development

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

(i) Cartography

(j) Women and development

(k) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

17. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Social development

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

(d) Narcotic drugs

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

(g) Human rights

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues